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More concentration is what we need in our school. It is not very easy for a boy or girl to concentrate their whole attention upon a lesson, in spite of all they can do, their minds will run to the next foot ball game, or the new dress which is to be worn for the first time, Friday night, and the many other things, which are of interest to them outside of the school room. Cultivate the habit of concentration boys and girls, it will pay you. Without this power, the brightest pupil will not accomplish as much as the less fortunate one, who plods along, his whole heart and mind absorbed in his work.

Mr. Campbell, while he was up at Linn, met a young man who talked strongly against Chemawa,—one Lewis Leahl. When asking him when he was at Chemawa he said "Oh, six or seven years ago" and "I was there five months." "How did you come home?" His answer, "I walked," explained it all. The school traps who "trickle" a school for a few months and then counts the do an incalculable amount of injury to the cause of Indian Education. And they do the harm with the very people we would most like to deal with, the ignorant full blood Indians. We need a reform school for this class.

"How to care for your buggy, carriage, wagon or other vehicles" furnished the topic for a very interesting as well as instructive lecture delivered by Mr. George H. Hibb, Wagonmaker on Wednesday night. Mr. Hibb was closely followed through his talk by the student body who surely must have learned something of value to them in a practical way. Mr. Hibb stated briefly that our forests were being rapidly denuded of the hard woods which furnish us with the material for our buggies, carriages and other vehicles and the problem of what shall take the place of these hard woods when they are gone is one of near future and serious consideration. Picking up a bent and a screw fellow he explained the use of such and why one was used in the wagon and the other in the lighter vehicles. He touched on the importance of lubricating the wagon or the buggy properly, and said that many wheels were ruined by over greasing; that the splindles on many vehicles instead of being of service for several years lasted only a year or two on account of the splindles not being cleaned, allowing the sand and dirt to accumulate and find its way to the interior of the hub, resulting in cutting the spindle so as to be of little value. He stated that every well kept stable should have a box of tools and a supply of bars, bolts, etc. and that when rigs were sent out on a trip they should be well examined, and where a nut was loose, bolt gone, repair immediately and thereby save many a breakdown, runaway, etc. Much more could be said of this excellent address but we are again reminded of our limited space. We are glad to state that these weekly lectures from the mechanical Dept. are growing more into favor each week and are providing the employes as well as pupils with many illustrations rich in practical and useful knowledge.

The following story is told about one of the Indian girls at Hampton Institute:

"A visitor to the school went up to the magnificent red-skinned belle and said: "Are you stilled?" The Sioux raised his head slowly from his work—she was fashioning a breadboard at the moment—and replied, "No, are you?"